Import of Newsprint

6920. SHRI SYED SHAHABUDDIN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to refer to the reply given to USQ No. 2992 on March 13, 1992 and state:

(a) the relationship between the CIF cost of imported newsprint and its issue price as fixed by the Newsprint Price Fixation Advisory Committee;

(b) whether the STC sells newsprint directly to the users or to authorised distributors or strockists;

(c) whether the stockists/distributors are allowed to fix handling cost and profit margin;

(d) whether the reduction in the import cost of newsprint has not made any impact on the retail market so far; and

(e) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHEED): (a) to (e). Apart from CIF, other costs forming part of issue price of imported newsprint are customs duty (wherever applicable), clearing, handling and transport, carrying costs, STC's service charges at the rate of 1% CIF. Variations between cost estimate and actuals are adjusted on a quarterly basis.

STC sells imported newsprint to actual users on the basis of the allocation order issued by the Registrar of Newspapers for India. The release prices of imported newsprint were reduced from January 1992 and onwards. There is, however, no statutory control over the prices of indigenous newsprint.

Non-Performing Advances of Banks

6921. SHRI SYED SHAHABUDDIN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount of non-performing advances of the public sector banks as on March 31, 1991; bank-wise;

(b) the percentage that this total forms of the total advances by the bank on that date;

(c) the break-up of the outstanding non-performing advances by the debts recalled, suite-filed against, decreed debts and bad and doubtful debts; and

(d) the number of such accounts with outstanding advances of more than Rs. one lakh, bank-wise and the total amount outstanding against such cases?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) to (d). In accordance with the statutes governing the public sector banks as also in terms of the practices and usages customary among the bankers, the banks are given statutory protection from disclosing information such as quantum of non performing advances and the number of accounts involved in such cases. However, the bank-wise overdue advances of Public Sector Banks as at the end of September 1990 (latest available) are given in the statement attached.

STATEMENT

(Rs. in Crores)

Name of the Bank	Amount outstanding	Amount Overdue	Overdues as a % age of Outstanding advances
1	2	3	4
State Bank of India	20369	4213	15.98
State Bank of Bikaner & Jaipur	1303	1135	10.37
State Bank of Hyderabad	1524	134	8.79
State Bank of Indore	674	122	18.14
State Bank of Mysore	894	218	24.37
State Bank of Patiala	1343	83	6.14
State Bank of Saurashtra	813	67	8.19
State Bank of Travancore	363	233	17.06
Allahabad Bank	2719	299	11.00
Andhra Bank	1779	347	19.49
Bank of Baroda	5593	737	13.18

(Rs. in Crores)

Name of the Bank	Amount outstanding	Amount Overdue	Overdues as a % age of Outstanding advances
1	2	3	4
Bank of India	6285	935	14.88
Bank of Maharashtra	1802	521	28.93
Canara Bank	5107	1431	28.02
Central Bank of India	5743	1296	22.57
Corporation Bank	866	168	19.43
Dena Bank	1556	364	23.41
Indian Bank	3959	566	18.57
Indian Overseas Bank	2813	522	23.47
New Bank of India	1148	269	14.31
Oriental Bank of Commerce	2591	250	9.66
Punjab & Sind Bank	1280	424	33.13
Punjab National Bank	6659	791	11.88

(Rs. in Crores)

Name of the Bank	Amount outstanding	Amount Overdue	Overdues as a % age of Outstanding advances
1	2	3	4
Syndicate Bank	3432	767	22.36
UCO Bank	3151	640	20.32
Union Bank of Indian	3131	592	18.94
United Bank of India	2385	361	15.14
Vijaya Bank	1647	328	19.91
Total	97930	16817	17.17